

HEALTH EQUITY ZONES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL



DOH 141-047 November 2021

OUTREACH AND INFORMATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2021, 4-6 PM

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Outreach and Information Meeting Presenters



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Welcome and Introductions

- Please share your name, email, county and preferred pronouns in the chat
- Keep yourself muted unless asking a question.
- Q&A is a part of agenda items and additionally at the end of the meeting.
- Ok to record for community members unable to join?
- Compensation.

Agenda

- Agenda Review and Agreements
- Land Acknowledgement
- Health Equity Zones Background and Overview
- Community Advisory Council (CAC)
- Membership Representation Priorities
- CAC Nomination Form
- CAC Selection Process
- Additional Community Engagement Opportunities
- Q&A and Wrap Up

Community Agreements

- Move Up/Move Back
- Speak your truth
- Be open to other viewpoints
- Lean into discomfort
- Expect and accept non-closure
- Consider intent & impact
- Exercise learning courage
- What is said here stays here and what is learned here leaves here
- Fun is allowed and encouraged!

Other agreements you would like to add?



Land Acknowledgment

We want to acknowledge that we are currently living on and inhabiting Duwamish and Puget Sound Coast Salish land. As Kanyon Sayers-Roods, a Mutsun Ohlone said, “We benefit so much from the land we live on,” Speaking of the “reciprocal energy” of indigenous practices, she added, “When we benefit and gain things, it is important to also offer and give.” In that vein, I would like to offer deep gratitude for the land we are on and the original inhabitants and stewards of this land.

Additional Resources

• [Resource map: https://native-land.ca/](https://native-land.ca/)

Borders based on seasonal uses and historical understandings.

• [Treaties: https://goia.wa.gov/resources](https://goia.wa.gov/resources)

Legal canons of construction led courts to interpret these treaties in favor of tribes.

• [History: https://www.historylink.org/](https://www.historylink.org/)

SB 5052 Concerning the Creation of Health Equity Zones

“The legislature finds that people of color, [Native American and Alaska Native], people experiencing poverty, and immigrant populations experience significant health disparities compared to the general population, including more limited access to health care and poorer health outcomes. The legislature finds that these circumstances result in higher rates of morbidity and mortality for persons of color and immigrant populations than observed in the general population.”

Sponsored by Senator Karen Keiser

33rd Legislative District-Des Moines

Community-driven Solutions to Local Health Needs

- Identification of 2-3 geographically contiguous zones within WA
- Each Zone will establish a collaborative of local representatives across communities and sectors
- Zone collaboratives will identify their key health priorities and develop a project plan
- DOH will support efforts to securing funding
- Public health data including community storytelling will be utilized:
 - To support the Committee Advisory Council Zone selection process
 - To illustrate health inequities and create storytelling strategies that raise awareness

Initial Timeline

- Winter 2021: Hire staff and establish Community Advisory Council
- Spring 2022: Develop zone criteria
- Summer 2022: Zones identified
- Fall 2022: Begin support of zones
- December 2023: Report due to legislature on projects implemented and health disparities addressed

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/HealthEquityZones>



HEZ Community Advisory Council Outcomes

- Identify 2-3 geographic HEZ in Washington state using a council-approved section criteria and decision-making process.
- Develop a 1-year work plan for Health Equity Zone selection.
- Establish shared member commitments, group norms, and decision-making protocols.
- Support the gathering of broad community input and guidance to inform key decisions.

HEZ Community Advisory Council Membership

- Majority Community Representatives
 - Between 7 and 14 total members
- Sector Representatives:
 - Tribal partners,
 - Accountable Communities of Health,
 - Local Public Health Departments,
 - Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities,
 - Philanthropy
- External facilitator is anticipated to join in March 2022
- DOH will play a support role, not a decision-making role



HEZ Community Advisory Council Selection Timeline

Key Steps	Date
Council Nomination Opens	October 25
Outreach and Information Session	November 4
Nominations Close	November 22 at Midnight
Nomination Selection Meeting	December 8 at 3:30pm
Follow-up with selected nominees	Week of December 13
First Council Meeting	January 12, 2022 at 3:30pm

Council Member Commitments and Duties

Monthly meetings through September 2022:

- Attend and fully engage in monthly meetings (2.5 hours)
- Complete pre-work and work between meetings (2 hours)
- Workgroup or stakeholder meetings (2 hours)

Compensation:

- Stipends for time and expertise up to \$280 per month
- Additional travel reimbursement will also be provided if there are in-person meetings



Council Member Selection Criteria

- Commitment to Black, Indigenous, and other people of color and historically marginalized groups
- Commitment to relationship and trust building
- Commitment to processes that center equity, racial justice, and accountability
- Interest in developing new structures and methods to address community needs
- Willingness to work through conflict and communicate preferences about difficult decisions

Continued: Council Member Selection Criteria

- Experience participating in community groups and collaborative processes
- Ability to contribute to the vision, goals and strategy of the Health Equity Zones
- Openness to using public health data and storytelling strategies to inform decisions
- Interest in exploring connections between issues of health and wellbeing in communities, to gaps in resources and inadequate systems

Community Advisory Council Membership Representation Priorities

Geographic Area	Priority Populations	Focus/Specialization	Sector Representation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban • Rural • Northwest WA • Southwest WA • Central WA • Eastern WA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigrants • Refugees • African American and Black • American Indian and Alaska Native • Asian • Pacific Islander • Latinx • LGBTQ+ • Migrant workers • Farm workers • Justice-involved people • People experiencing homelessness • People with disabilities • Seniors • Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harm reduction, addiction and recovery • Maternal, infant and child health and reproductive health • Chronic disease prevention and management and healthy eating and active living • Mental health and resilience • Community building • Education • Economic development • Social determinants of health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Health Systems and organizations • Accountable Communities of Health • Local Public Health • Philanthropy • Nonprofit organization • Community Coalition or Network • Volunteer • Education • Housing access • Health care systems • Faith-based • Government or other public institution • Local business community

5 Minute Break

Review of Nomination form

Link to Nomination Form:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/opinio/s?s=HealthEquityCommAdvisoryCouncil>

Council Member Selection Process

- December 8, 2021 – Nomination Selection Meeting (3 hours)
Goal: Review all information available and vote to select Council Members
- All people nominated and who nominated others will be invited to virtual meeting
- Each meeting participant will select and vote for the 7 to 14 people they feel most equitably represent Washington on the Council for Health Equity Zones

****The volume of applicants may require an additional meeting****

Council Member Selection Process Continued

- During the meeting, participants will discuss together:
 - Purpose and goal of Health Equity Zones
 - Purpose and goal of the Health Equity Zones Community Advisory Council
 - Council member Selection Criteria (i.e., commitment to equitable representation)
 - Aligning nominees with representation priorities
 - Review each candidate's information submitted during the nomination process

Additional Engagement Opportunities

- Early process of implementing the Health Equity Zones
- Initial statewide process with more localized efforts beginning Summer 2022
- Future opportunities to provide input on key decision points (possible examples include geographic boundaries of HEZ)
- Develop an outreach distribution list to provide updates and share community input opportunities

Additional Q&A and Wrap Up

- What additional information can we provide?
- <https://www.doh.wa.gov/HealthEquityZones>
- For additional information regarding compensation, please contact Bri Ramos at brianne.ramos@doh.wa.gov
- For additional information please contact Anne Farrell-Sheffer at anne.farrellsheffer@doh.wa.gov
- Thank you!!!!



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